

Lansing House and Water Tower
Lansing Street
Mendocino
Mendocino County
California

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE CALIFORNIA	COUNTY MENDOCINO	TOWN OR VICINITY MENDOCINO
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) LANSING HOUSE AND WATER TOWER		HABS NO. CA-2236
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 44900 Main Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1855	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) builder - Captain David Lansing	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This house was built by Captain David Lansing, who moved to Mendocino in 1852. He built this house and water tower around 1855. An early Mendocino pioneer, Lansing once owned all of the land east of Lansing Street, north of Main Street, and south of Little Lake St.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Redwood lumber milled in San Francisco was shipped to Mendocino for construction of these buildings. The tower is shingled.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The arched windows in the dormer were added by Lansing's son-in-law, J.J. Morrow in 1879. At the time he intended to convert the house to a hotel. There was an exterior stair to the roof of the tower but it was removed at an unknown date. The tower is not in use now and there is no tank on top.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The house now serves as apartments. The water tower is not in use. The house is in good condition.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The buildings are within the Mendocino National Register Historic District. They were surveyed by the State Office of Historic Preservation in 1987.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) <u>Mendocino Historical Research, Inc.</u> ; William Spencer, architect; various issues of the <u>Mendocino Beacon</u>		
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